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MEMORANDUM FOR: Addressees

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Intelligence Training Division
Office of Training and Education

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SUBJECT: Course Review--USSR Country Survey

1. In the context of an OTE curriculum review, we are evaluating the requirement within the Agency for the USSR Country Survey Course. We would appreciate your response to the questions posed in Attachment C, Questionnaire.

2. The USSR Country Survey Course is one of the three types of programs offered by the Soviet Realities Institute to broaden or deepen one's understanding of the Soviet Union. The three are:

a. USSR Country Survey Course. A nine-day full time orientation, using primarily Agency personnel to cover a wide range of topics--ideology, Party and Government structure and functioning, agriculture and the economy, the intelligence services, military forces and capabilities, foreign policy, etc. The course is essentially for those Agency officers with limited formal training or education on the Soviet Union, but responsible for some aspect of Soviet affairs. (See Attachment A, Schedule.)

b. Perspectives on the Soviet Union. Outstanding scholars (from the academic world) provide an integrated view for understanding the foundations, processes and objectives of the Soviet system and its leaders. This program offers a more sophisticated approach than the USSR Country Survey course, but with less detail on specific areas.

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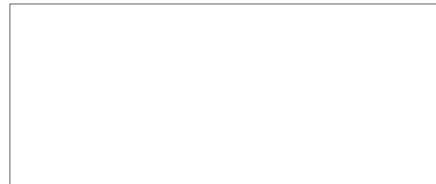
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c. Specialized Blocks. Each block offers an intensive look at a specific subject area--Soviet foreign policy, intelligence services, society and culture, economy, domestic politics, science and technology, and military policy and programs. They are generally offered part time (1/2 day per week for ten to twelve weeks). Speakers may be drawn from the academic, intelligence and emigre communities.

3. The major question of this review can be stated as "Is there an appropriate audience for the USSR Country Survey Course, given the array of offerings now available in our program (plus the Foreign Service Institute's two-week survey course on the USSR and Eastern Europe)?" To assist you in identifying our present audience, Attachment B lists the component and grade distribution for the past four Country Survey runnings. I ask that you complete and return the questionnaire by 1 September 1987. The more detail and comment you can provide, the better!

4. If you have any questions, please call me on 25X1
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Attachments:

- A. Schedule
- B. Statistics
- C. Questionnaire

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